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1. EDITORIAL IN OFFICIAL DAILY OKTOBER STAR ON JUNE 20 EXTAINS
SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO SOMALI DROUGHT RELIEF AND REHABILITATION.

A. QUOTE THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION OCCUPY A PART IN SOMALI
HISTORY THAT NOBODY CAN ERASE. THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALWAYS
GIVEN ASSISTANCE TO THE SOMALI PEOPLE FROM THE DAYS PRIOR TO
INDEPENDENCE IN A SINCERE AND DEVOTED MANNER. UNQUOTE. THIS
WAS STATED BY THE SRC PRESIDENT JAALLE SIYAD LAST THURSDAY AT
WANLA-WEIN AIRPORT WHERE HE PERSONALLY WELCOMED DROUGHT VICTIMS
FROM AINABO AND GAROWE WHILE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING THE
REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN PEOPLE.

B. QUOTE WHEN A NATION IS AFFECTED BY GREAT HARDSHIPS THAT
DESTROY ITS ECONOMIC PLANS AND THREATENS THE VERY EXISTENCE
OF THE PEOPLE, IT IS THEN THAT SUCH A NATION KNOWS ITS ENEMIES
FROM ITS REAL FRIENDS. TODAY SOMALIA HAS BEEN STRICKEN BY
SEVERE DROUGHT THAT CAUSED A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES. IT BECAME
ESSENTIAL TO SEEK OUTSIDE HELP FROM THE PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, IN ORDER TO ALLAY QUICKLY THE DANGER FACED BY THE
PEOPLE.

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C. QTE THE SRC PRESIDENT TOLD THE SOMALI PEOPLE MANY A TIME THAT THIS DROUGHT WAS A TEST FOR US, AND THAT IT WOULD BETTER ABLE US TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN OUR ENEMIES AND OUR FRIENDS.

D. QTE AS WAS ALWAYS THE CUSTOM, THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS PLAYED A TANGIBLE ROLE IN THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME OF THE DROUGHT VICTIMS. THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE UNCONDITIONAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE SOVIET UNION TO THE PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

3. QTE THE SOMALI-SOVIET AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST THURSDAY HAS UNEQUIVOCALLY SHOWN THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS THE ONLY FRIEND THAT TAKES A MAJOR PART IN REHABILITATING OUR DROUGHT VICTIMS. THIS AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD GIVE TO SOMALIA ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WORTH SO. SH. 375 MILLION, BESIDES GRANTING SOMALIA ASSISTANCE IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN PEOPLE.

F. QTE THE ROLE OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IS A SYMBOL OF THE HEALTHY MUTUAL COOPERATION AMONG THE PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES ALLIED UNDER THE BANNERS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM. SOMALIA WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THIS SOVIET AID. UNQTE.

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